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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

5th June 1877, No. 1,899-B.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 60-C. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th March 1877,
No. 2,416.

Read the following letter from J. C. HUGHESDON, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Annamapett, 15th May 1877, No. 216 :—

I HAVE the honor to bring to the notice of the Board that from information I have received from various quarters I cannot entertain a doubt that should rain hold off any longer extreme distress is imminent in the Kullakurchi Taluq of this district.

2. Being of this opinion, a few days ago I requested the Deputy Collector, who was about to commence the Jamabandi of Kullakurchi, to let me know as soon as possible after his arrival in the taluq his views regarding its condition. Copy of his letter to me, No. 90, dated 12th instant, I enclose, from which it appears that his opinion is that relief-works should be started without further delay. I also enclose copy of the Tahsildar's season report, dated 2nd May.

3. The state of this taluq was regarded as critical so far back as January. On 10th of that month the Sub-Collector (to whose division Kullakurchi belongs) reported that he had formed an unfavorable opinion of its agricultural condition; except in the case of lands irrigated from wells, there was "no expectation of any good harvest wet or dry"; this state of things gave rise to apprehension "when combined with famine prices caused by export to famine districts;" finally, Mr. Wallace proposed that "relief-works should be set on foot at once."

4. On 3rd February, the Sub-Collector reported that the extreme pressure of famine prices had subsided (apparently in consequence of the large quantities of grain thrown into the taluq by a European firm locally represented); the scarcity too and impending greater dearth had stimulated the enterprise of many of the ryots, and had led to the digging of numerous wells which have caused a considerable demand for labor; "still," adds Mr. Wallace, "the necessity for relief-works may yet arise."

5. On 10th February, Mr. Horsfall, Acting Collector, in reply instructs Mr. Wallace carefully to watch the course of events, and in the meantime to utilize available Local Funds in deepening and clearing out drinking-water tanks and wells.

6. On 24th March, the Sub-Collector states that he is keeping a watch on the state of Kullakurchi, but that at present relief-works are not needed.

Here Mr. Wallace's reports end.

Revenue Department, 5th June 1877, No. 1,899-B.

	RS.	A.	P.	7. The works proposed to be undertaken are the mentioned in the list formerly prepared which is enclosed. The estimate is 560. No m 900
Allotted for pond repairs in Trinomalai Taluq ...	9,091	9	10	
Allotted for repairs of Irrigation tanks in Trinomalai Taluq...	1,089	0	0	
Total...	10,180	9	10	

Allotted for pond repairs in Tindivanam Taluq...	3,670	0	0	ASSISTANT AND DEPUTY COLLECTOR'S DIVISIONS, which it will be observed from the figures in the margin has already been fully allotted. I request therefore that a grant of Rupees 5,000 may be sanctioned for Kullakurchi, which will leave a balance of Rupees 1,440 for such further allotments as may be found necessary.
Allotted for pond repairs in Villapuram Taluq ...	1,590	2	1	
Total...	5,260	2	1	
Grand Total...	15,440	11	11	

8. I am not familiar with all the orders of Government and the Board that may have been passed regarding relief measures. It is possible therefore that some of the works entered in the accompanying list may have been ruled to be unsuitable. The appropriation of any grant however will be determined by Mr. Horsfall, who will resume charge of the district some ten days hence. My immediate object in addressing the Board is to procure the allotment of funds, so that Mr. Horsfall may be in a position at once to undertake such measures of relief as he may find necessary, and as may be in accordance with the existing orders on the subject. Similarly, the Deputy Collector's proposal to open a congee-shed I leave to be dealt with by Mr. Horsfall.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From S. VENKATASUBIAH, Temporary Deputy Collector, to J. C. HUGHESDON, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, dated Kullakurchi, 12th May 1877, No. 90.

I HAVE the honor to report about the state of the Kullakurchi Taluq and the necessity of starting relief-works there.

2. The present calamitous season preceded by somewhat bad one has added much to the distress of the people. I do not think that the people in general have any paddy or other grain stored. From the inquiries I made on the subject, I learn that the outturn of crops this year is very poor. Had it not been for the rice imported by Messrs. Parry and Co., and which found its way into the interior, the condition of the people would have been very deplorable indeed. Of course, people of some position purchase such rice, but there are others who have nothing out of which to buy rice. These people, I regret to report, live upon the prickly-pear fruits and on certain roots called "Karaikutti kilanga." There are others who have only little, and these are content with having only one meal.

3. Until for sometime past people found work in the distillery and the new Taluq Cutcherry. But these are now finished. I am of opinion that some works should be started as relief-works. If Rupees 3,550 are sanctioned for the present and the works noted in the margin are commenced, I think it would be sufficient for the present. After commencing the works we can determine whether the works are to be continued or stopped; for there are people who, though poor, would still be unwilling to work.

4. I also think that a relief-house should be established at Cusbah Kullakurchi under the superintendence of the Tahsildar for feeding such of the poor as are unable to work and really in need of relief. I learn that many distressed people are passing through this place from Ahtoor and Darampuri Taluqs, Salem District. True that the Village Munsifs are ordered to feed such men; but I do not think that they carry out the orders satisfactorily, and moreover I am afraid they will abuse the trust delegated to them.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. C. HUGHESDON,
Acting Collector.

Revenue Department, 5th June 1877, No. 1,899-B.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

EXTRACT from the Season Report of the Tahsildar of Kullakurchi, dated 2nd instant, with translation.

Drinking-water is not available, and that people go to the fields. Wells in houses have for the most part become sometimes eat prickly-pear fruit, aloe, and fig. Many persons food has impaired the strength of many persons.

(True Translation.)

(Signed) J. C. HUGHESDON,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

LIST of Relief-works with approximate cost of each.

Kullakurchi Taluq.

	RS.
Repairing the path from the main road to the Teagadroog Local	30
Fund Choultry	200
Large well for drinking in front of the choultry	20
To remove the prickly-pear close to the chuttrum	100
Digging a well at Madoor for the use of the Pariahs, &c.	50
Do. a well at Thennarikkuppam	200
Do. a well at Pallakacheri	750
Repairing the road from Pallakacheri to the main road	375
Do. the road to Keranur	20
Removing prickly-pear near the drinking-water pond at Prithini-mangalum	30
Repairing a path to the pond from the road	50
Digging a well at Kilangamput...	50
Do. a well at Mangaputhoor in the pond	50
Do. a pond at Gudalur	40
Do. a pond at T. Mamathur	70
Do. a pond at Paddooppet	100
Do. a well at Rungappanur in the pond	40
Do. a well at Porkanam	70
Do. a well at Murukambodi...	100
Do. a well at Nedumanur	20
Removing prickly-pear near the ponds at J. Teroovalur	20
Do. prickly-pear near the ponds at Teshasamadrur	100
Do. silt from the well in the pond to the west of Viriyur	75
Deepening the pond called "Turingikulam" on the roadside	1,000
Removing silt from the tank of Viriyur and strengthening the bund, and reconstructing a sluice and removing silt from the supply channel	3,560
Total	3,560

(Signed) J. C. HUGHESDON,
Acting Collector.

THE Board believe that the recent rains will obviate all necessity for relief works in the Kullakurchi Taluq and await further report. It is to be remembered too that ordinary grants for Public Works are now available.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

Revenue Department, 5th June 1877, No. 1,899-B.

No. 60.-D.

ORDER THEREON, 5th June 1877, No. 1,899-B.

Miscellaneous.

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Public Works

to give effect to Irrigation Circular Memorandum.

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Financial Department.

Erd, F. R. Bantleman.

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Extract from the season report of the
Tahsildar of Ballacoorby dated 2nd
Instant with translation.

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(True translation)
1/9/ J. L. Hughesdon
Sg. Collector.
(True copy)

John H.
Secretary.

[Handwritten signature]

Govt. of (1877) 23rd Nov.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

cc, cc, cc.

Dated June, 5th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O. D. June 1877, No. 1,800-B.

JUNE.

No. 60,000-10.

PAID BY REVENUE NO. 12423.

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List of Relief Works with approximate costs of each.
Kullacoorcheri Taluk.

Repairing the path from the }
 Mainroad to the Leagadong }
 Local Fund choultry — } 30-0-0

Large well for drinking in }
 front of the choultry — } 200-0-0

To remove the prickly pears }
 close to the Chuttram — } 20-0-0

Digging a well at elbadoor for }
 the use of the pariahs &c — } 100-0-0

Digging a well at Theunari }
 - Kuppam — } 50-0-0

Do — at Pallakacheri - 200-0-0

Repairing the road from Palla- }
 - Kacheri to the main-road } 750-0-0

Repairing the road to Beranna 375-0-0

Removing prickly pear near the }
 drinking water pond at Pitthi- }
 - nimanagalur — } 20-0-0

Repairing a path to the pond }
 from the road — } 30-0-0

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Digging a well at Hidaugampul - 50-0-0
- Do - at Mangaputhoor in the pond - 50-0-0

Digging a pond at Gudaliv - 50-0-0

- Do - at - Mamathur - 40-0-0

- Do - at - Puddoopul - 70-0-0

Digging a well at Pungapp -
- and in the pond - } 100-0-0

- Do - at - Porkanam - 40-0-0

- Do - at - Murukambodi - 70-0-0

- Do - at - Vidumamur - 100-0-0

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Do at - Ushasamedum - 20-0-0

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side - } 75-0-0

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of Viriyur and strengthening
the bund, and reconst-
- ructing a sluice and
removing silt from the
supply channel - } 1000-0-0
Total 3560-0-0

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(sg.) J. B. Hughesdon
sg. Collector.

(True copy)

Per
Secretary.

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Temp. Dy. Collr's Office
Camp. Ballakurichi
12th May 1877

No 90.

From S. Venkatasubbiah

Temp. Dy. Collr of S. Arcot.

To J. C. Hughson Esqr.

Ag. Collr of S. Arcot.

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Proceedings dated
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I have &c.
/s/ S. Venkatasubiah
Dy. Collector

(True Copy)

/s/ J. B. Hughson Esquire
Dy. Collector

(True copy)

Respectfully

Secretary.

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16th May 77 No 2416.

Proceedings dated

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MISCELLANEOUS No.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 26th May 1877.

Read the following

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H. E. Stokes Esquire
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mentioned in the list formerly prepared by Mr. Wallace, copy of which is enclosed. A map indicating the various localities is also enclosed. The estimated cost of the works is Rs 3560. No margin is left in the grant of Rs 15000 sanctioned for relief measures in the Head Assistant and Deputy Collector's Divisions which it will be observed from the figures in

Allotted for pond repairs in Trinomalay Taluk } Rs. A. P. 9091-9-10.

Do repairs of Irrigation tanks in Do } 1089-0-0
10180-9-10

Allotted for pond repairs in Kundinamm Taluk } 3670-0-0

Do - Do in Vellapurem Taluk } 1590-2-1
5260-2-1

Rs 15440-11-11

the margin has already been fully allotted. I request therefore that a grant of Rs 5000 may be sanctioned for Bullakuruchi which will

leave a balance of Rs 1440 for such further allotments as may be found

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Collectors office
Camp Ammapett
15th May 1877

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(True copy & Extracts)

(sg) H. E. Stokes
Secretary.

To The Collector of South Arcot.
(True Copy)

To Mr. Stokes
Secretary.

To The Adlt. Secretary to Govt. R. D.
with copies of enclosure

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD
OF REVENUE.

Dec 1877 24
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Dated 26th Dec 1877
Despatched 28th Dec 1877
Scri: 431
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SUBJECT.

Passing order on letter
from the 1st of Decr
regarding sanction for
sum of Rs 500 for salary
of the 1st of Decr
Salary. M^{rs} 21/6

Received

for Rs 500 of Decr

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to ascertain what is being done in the
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